



C-1 Newsletter

Charlie Company, 1st Platoon
2d Combat Engineer Battalion, Camp Lejeune
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A note from the Platoon Commander

April 20, 2008

Greetings C-1 Family members! Your Marines are all doing well and working extremely hard. As many of you may know, C-1 Marines are in support of 1st Battalion 9th Marines. From week 1, operations and projects kicked off and your Marine stepped up to the challenge and performed exceptionally well. The platoon lives comfortably, the chow hall provides a variety of selections, showers are available and there is a gym or two.

Iraq is different from the last time I was here. The cities are under construction and Iraqi police seem to be at every corner. The partnership with the Iraqi Army and Iraqi Police is paying dividends and the Marines are working side by side with our Iraqi counter-parts. The Engineering here in Iraq seems to be one of the main efforts and your Marine is playing a very valuable role in the overall mission. The first day or two, your Marines adjusted to the new environment and received some classes and training. Over the next two weeks, C-1 Marines turned over with the Marines from Alpha Company, 3rd Platoon CEB (on the job training). The Marines were able to see some of the joint security sites in our ever growing area of operation. As soon as April arrived full scale operations and projects begun and the operational tempo remains as fast as ever due to the area we cover.

In Early April, 1st Squad supported the Battalion by expanding the work area and provided force protection measures to the new work area. They also improved a joint security site by increasing security measures, construction work and fixing roofs where the Marines live.

2nd squad reinforced with 4th squad started April moving over 600 barriers to prepare for a future project. The movement took almost a week and required long hours of tedious work. 2nd Squad provided additional force protection measures to a joint security site and conducted a reed burning operation to clear possible hiding locations.

Early April started with a very large construction project providing a new medical facility for the medical officers and corpsman of the Battalion. 3rd squad provided additional security measures and a new entry control point for a joint security site.

This squad is extremely busy for they support the other squads on almost every mission. From heavy equipment support, motor transportation, communications, medical, electrical and generator support, mechanical support and much more, this squad does it all.

There is a lot of work to be done in the coming months, but the Marines of C-1 are in good spirits and up to the task. I am reminded daily on how blessed I am to lead such a great group of men.



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4th Squad members conduct wire work for the Battalion.



3rd Squad constructs a new medical facility





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C-1 in Action



1st Squad: work on placing new HESCO for the Battalion. (left)



2nd Squad
and 4th
Squad
staging 600
barriers for a
future
Vehicle
Check Point



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1st Squad: The Promotions



2nd Squad showing off their handy work

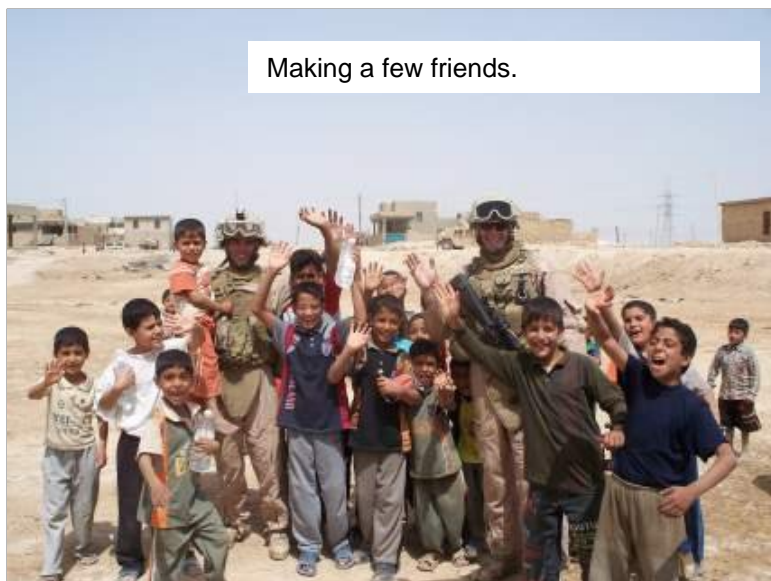


2nd Squad burning Reeds- "Getting some"



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Making a few friends.

Continue to keep us in your thoughts and thank you for your continued support :

S/F,
C-1 Platoon Commander

SSgt's Word

This is an extremely talented group of men who have adapted from our traditional type of work conducting combat operations to assisting the Battalion and all types of Iraqi Security Forces the survivability missions. With two platoons of Combat Engineers leaving we will certainly will be busy with the increased area that we support. Please understand if your Marine doesn't contact you for a day or two, sometimes our telephone and internet lines go down which causes a great deal of havoc.

Sincerely,
SSgt